

Black consumer spending up

Page 8

Clinton on Haiti, Cuba: dual standard?

Page 3



CITY NEWS

THE NEW JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION

Parents' educational summit

Page 6

Council members override mayor on budget increases

As Connie Sees it...
Page 4

National News

by Robert N. Taylor

African-American health status appears to worsen

A recently released government report paints a fairly dismal picture of the overall health of blacks in America, especially for African-American males. Kate Prager, a demographer for the National Center for Health Statistics—the agency which released the report—concluded “The current trend is a widening health gap between blacks and whites.” The nation’s top killers remain heart disease, cancer and stroke—accounting for over 60 per cent of all deaths. But heart disease and stroke rates have gone down in recent years, they remain highest for black males. Lung disease is the fourth leading killer. It has risen significantly for both black and white females, risen less significantly for black males while remaining stable for white males. Accidental deaths rank fifth followed by pneumonia, diabetes and suicide. AIDS is now the ninth leading killer. But it is the sixth leading killer of black males hitting black homosexual males especially hard. AIDS is the eighth leading killer of white males. But it does not rank in the top ten for either black or white females. Meanwhile, the 10th leading cause of death in America is homicide. And the group hardest hit is young black males between 15 and 24. Young African-American males have a homicide rate eight times that of whites—WASHINGTON, DC

Life expectancy rising, except for black males

Despite a host of often bad news about health, Americans are actually living longer lives—with one exception: black males. The average life expectancy for black males is declining. This is a phenomenon almost unheard of in a modern, industrialized nation such as America. Among blacks and whites, the longevity figures provided by the

(Continued on page 3)

Remembering the victims of slavery

by Natalie Bernard

The spirit of Liberation thrived among the people marking the birth of slavery in the U.S. at the Newark Public Library recently. Dr. Lenworth Gunther, historian and professor at Essex County College, enlightened the crowd of more than 200 people about the history of slavery before the Jamestown conquest.

The audience exploded with ovations as Gunther presented his speech, “Black Storm: African Resistance to the Slave Trade from Shore to Shore.” From every corner, the audience applauded his statements of

historical validity.

“How are we teaching our children to school without knowing the impact of the slave trade?” Gunther asked “African American history should be mandated into the school system and history books should recognize those who did not make it,” he said.

“Too many of our mothers died for us to walk down the streets with our pants down. You should have the decency to pull your pants up because so many of us were stripped of our clothes.”

“From the 9th century to the 20th century an estimated 6-10 million Africans were smuggled in the trade.” He stated that the Portuguese were the first exploiters of Afri-

cans, and the Arabs also dirtied their hands in the trade. The main reason for their quest being “god, gold, and glory.”

“The gun was the primary vehicle of the slave trade,” he said. The Africans traded with the Europeans exchanging guns for slaves. The technology mystified the Africans because it “claimed might without touching the enemy.”

Gunther stated that the Africans who were involved in the slave trade did not just accept their enslavement, they resisted. “Contrary to popular thinking, we did not welcome him, we did not give away our land,” he said.

At the site of land, some slaves committed suicide to reaffirm life. They also fought by

not eating, taking over the ship, and jumping off the ship to form war camps. In order to stop the increasing resistance, the slave masters enlisted a priest on every ship.

The program marked the anniversary of slavery which started in Virginia in 1619 and was sponsored by the People’s Organization of Progress and the Malcolm X Commemorative Coalition to commemorate the victims of slavery in the Americas.

The millions of Africans who suffered and perished during the era of slavery in the western hemisphere must never be forgotten, stated Lawrence Hamm, chairman of the People’s Organization for Progress.



Harvey George, founder of Friends of the Lifers' Youth Corps accepts the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Kids get lesson on hard time

by Paul Joseph

Stop at any red light on any corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard in Jersey City and you are guaranteed to be solicited by a young man offering to sell you drugs. Look on the corners and you will see enclaves of young men standing idle buying or selling drugs. A #4000s bottle of coffee clenched in their fists like a hot cup of coffee on a cold winter's day. Rain, snow, sleet or hail, they are there.

The older members of the community fear them. The police constantly harasses them. The popular media portrays them as thugs, thieves sometimes even wild animals. Often, prison has become a familiar home to them.

However, one man, Harvey George, founder of Friends of the Lifers' Youth Corps (FOTLYC) sees beyond their drooping pants, their combat boots, and their icy, intimidating “what you want?” stares. Underneath all of that facade, George said, lies a young kid full of drive who has lost hope and good

direction. He sees young 15, 16, and 17-year-old entrepreneurs, who with a little guidance, could turn their life around and maximize their profit potential legally.

Friends of the Lifers' is aimed at showing urban youths how to keep straight and make good money.

“They are not lazy people,” he said. “Any one who can stand on a corner all day long selling drugs cannot be lazy. They just need hope. They need to learn something about real business,” he said sitting in his office located in the heart of the drug-infested zone.

“They don’t need to be standing on the corner talking about no body is giving me a job. They need to learn how to create one.” After serving 17 years of a 25-to-life prison term on an accessory to murder charge, George is perhaps the most experienced person who can get through to these kids. He has turned his life around, started his own business and has been honored with an Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

For four years George headed the “Scared

(Continued on page 3)

Newark leaders will comply with investigators in abatement probe

by Paul Joseph

Newark officials met with federal investigators this week and agreed to turn in several city documents requested in subpoenas.

Joseph Hayden Jr., an attorney representing the Newark City Clerk’s office, confirmed he, along with City Clerk Robert Morasco and City Corporation Council Michelle Hollar-Gregory, met with the U.S. Attorney’s office for at least an hour in the Federal Building.

In a phone interview, Hayden said that the meeting was called in order to find the most “cost-effective” way to comply with the government’s request. He said because of the volume of information requested, he and investigators will be trying to find methods which would ensure that the city did not duplicate its efforts in releasing the documents.

“They (federal investigators) have given us two more weeks to submit the majority of the subpoenas,” he said, “and we will take this opportunity to find the best ways to be cost-effective.”

He added that staffers would be working extra hours in order to compile the necessary data and that the extension would help since most officials were on vacation at the time the subpoenas were issued. Hayden said the city will comply and cooperate fully with state investigators.

In a released statement, Mayor Sharpe James said he urged all subpoenaed officials to cooperate with the government.

“I have directed all appropriate administrators and officials to fully cooperate with any requests of information,” James said,

“and I have instructed them to do so in a timely manner.”

The mayor added that he considered it a “statutory obligation as a public official, elected to serve the public trust, to fully comply with any and all inquiries of municipal government.”

The subpoenas called for all the papers to be examined by a grand jury. However, both sides agreed that city records did not have to be turned over to the grand jury until September 21.

Federal investigators served six subpoenas to various Newark officials, political leaders and managers the previous week. Among them were Sharpe James’ Chief of Staff Jackie Mattison, city council members who served in 1990, members of the Department of Development, and Land Use Control. The list also included the Tax Collector, the Law Department and the Mayor’s Office of Employment and Training.

The subpoenas asked for communications and legal documents dated since January 1, 1989, and all city council documents from that period. Investigators also requested the actions of the banking committee and the tax abatement committee.

Although the federal government would not comment, the investigation seemed to be tied with a tax abatement granted to the Forest Hills Urban Renewal Association in the Central Ward. The group was associated to the failed Palisade Parks savings and loan association which donated \$10,000 to the Friends of Sharpe James, a fund-raising group for the Mayor, at the time the abatement was on the voting table.

President Clinton signs act extending MLK holiday for 5 more years

WASHINGTON, DC—Honoring Dr. King’s vision of community, President Clinton recently signed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Service Act of 1994.

This act extends the authorization for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission for five more years and names the CEO of the Corporation for National & Community Service, J. Edgar Hoover, as a member of the commission. It also authorizes the Corporation for National & Community Service to fund community service opportunities in conjunction with the King holiday.

“Dr. King taught us that our faith can redeem us, that sacrifices of individuals can sustain us, that our moral courage can guide us,” said President Clinton. He noted that it was Dr. King who said everyone can be great because everyone can serve.”

The President expressed support for linking the observance of Dr. King’s birthday to a day of national service. “Nothing could better serve the legacy of Dr. King. He was apathy’s sworn enemy and action’s tireless

champion,” said President Clinton.

In September, the Clinton Administration will launch AmeriCorps, an initiative which will enable 20,000 young people to earn credit to further their educations by serving their communities.

“This celebration of Dr. King will now be a celebration of his vision of community, his vision of service. And his life proves that it will work for all Americans and for our country,” said the President.



President Clinton signs the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Service Act, looking on are from left to right, Martin Luther King III, Senator Harris Wofford, El Segal, and Representative John Lewis.

Community Calendar

NEWARK—The Urban League of Essex County Preschool and Kindergarten has 10 openings for parents in need of quality child care for 2 1/2 to 5 years old. For more info, call 201-753-5310.

NOW THRU OCTOBER 28

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College is hosting an exhibition entitled Crossing Paths: A College and Community Relationship. The exhibition features art work, photographs, old journal entries, letters and other memorabilia of the college and the town. For more info 201-748-9000 ext. 294.

NOW THRU OCTOBER 7

PLAINFIELD—Figure artist, Rhoda Yanow suffuses pose with personality in her new "Dance Series: Recal Pastels" to be exhibited at Swain Galleries. For more info, call 908-756-1707.

SEPTEMBER 12-16

NEWARK—The Newark School District in cooperation with the Newark Education Council is offering free immunization for school age children from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at specified locations. For more info, call 201-753-7151.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

IRVINGTON—There will be a softball game between the Kistlovers of 98.7 Kias F.M. and the Irvington civic association at the 40th St. Park at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call Brian Coleman after 6 p.m. at 201-972-7455.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PLAINFIELD—There will be a Ethnic Food Festival at Park/Madison Park from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 908-753-7073.

PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of

America will host Basic Reading Tutor Training Workshop at Plainfield Public Library Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-755-7998.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

EDISON—The Middlesex County College Continuing Studies Office presents a workshop "How Can I Learn It? Study Skills and Learning Techniques" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Rm. 319. For more info, call 908-906-2509.

WAYNE—William Paterson College's New Music Festival begins its 21st season of contemporary chamber music concerts featuring a recital by trombonist, John Johnson. For more information call 201-950-2371.

SEPT 17 THRU OCTOBER 22

JERSEY CITY—JCSC is offering a review course for the SAT through its Saturday Semester Program. The course will meet 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. To register call the Saturday Semester Office at 201-200-3089.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27

WESTFIELD—The Union County Rape Crisis Center will hold its annual fall training for volunteers, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info, call 908-233-7273.

NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 30

NEWARK—Victims of crime who are unable to meet financial obligations because of their mishap should contact Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. at 1-800-696-7063.

NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 30

PATERSON—There will be an Art Exhibit by Roberto Vera on display at the Paterson Free Public Library. For more information contact Kwaku Amoahing at 201-357-3010.



Former Marine Corporal Roger Liggon of Plainfield was recently presented with the Purple Heart for bravery by Union County officials. Liggon, now Parks and Recreation director of Plainfield received the honor 27 years after he was wounded in the forehead by shrapnel during a battle in the Vietnam war.



Queen E. James, of Newark a 13-year Essex County vice-chair of the Essex County Democratic Committee, was recently inducted into the Democratic Hall of Fame. James is surrounded by (l-r) Assemblyman Willie B. Brown, Essex County Chief of Staff Ciele Poligono and County Democratic Chairman, Thomas P. Giblin.

NHA officials honored by tenants

As a tribute of thanks to Newark Housing Authority officials and staff, as well as city government and civic leaders, the tenants of the 42-unit Mt. Pleasant Townhouses recently invited 42 persons as special guests at their "First Annual Jamboree Celebration." Each guest dignitary was hosted by one of 42 tenant families

and was treated to home-made food, music and games. The celebration lasted from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. It is our way of saying thank you to the Newark Housing Authority and the city for the development of these wonderful town houses," explained Doris McCray-Crank, president of the townhouse group.

Volunteers needed for memorial Day committee

ORANGE—The Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is reviving up for Memorial Day 1995. The Memorial Day Committee is seeking volunteers from the community in planning the 1995 Memorial Day Parade and festivities. The committee is particularly looking for input

from community youth and is actively urging young people to volunteer. For further information contact Ellisworth Morgan, coordinator at the Office of Cultural Affairs at 201-266-4045 or Memorial Day Committee Chairperson W. R. Tex Womble at 201-674-7953.



UNITED NATIONAL BANK

Plainfield Offices

202 Park Avenue
1125 South Avenue
120 West Seventh Street
756-5000

Business Directory

**** VERY SPECIAL OFFER ****
18 EXQUISITE ETHNIC PRINTS
100% COTTON FABRIC • 60 INCH WIDTH
PRE-SHRUNK • COLOR FAST
ONLY \$3.99 PER YARD
ALL 18 SAMPLES SWATCHES ONLY \$5.00
SEND CHECK/MONEY ORDER TO:

The Africa Company
Afrocentric Retail mail order
P.O. BOX 2107 Teaneck, NJ 07666-1507



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL
201-433-1899

HOME-OWNERS

Does Your Home Need Remodeling Or Repairs?

VINYL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS
VINYL SIDING
ROOFS
MASONRY WOOD STEPS
CARPENTRY WORK
PORCH REPAIRS

Super Discount Now
No Downpayment
Affordable Budget Plan
Senior Citizen Discount
Call Now For Free Estimate

BROTHERS DUCHESS CO.
908-527-1908

**CUSTOM
PRINTED
ATHLETIC
UNIFORMS**

tees • jackets • caps

1-800-322-3308



CAR AUDIO • SECURITY • CUSTOMIZING & DETAILING
CAR ALARM FOR AS LOW AS \$99.95
1627 Stetson Road Piscataway, NJ 08854

Spirit & Spin

128 Chestnut St.
Roselle, N.J.

(908) 241-0904

YOU NEED IT...YOU DESERVE IT...

And now you can get it
for \$15 off on a stress reducing
SWEDISH MASSAGE

Call 908-322-9678/908-317-0729 pager
Rick Williams
Certified AMTA Massage Therapist.
Coordinator NJ AMTA Sports Massage Team
1993 Meritorious AMTA Award Winner

The Area's Finest Jazz
Saxophonist
**David Robinson &
The All Stars**
Available for bookings
201-672-6201
For Rates And Information

Maree's Hair Kees
Hair Weaving by Marie
New York Styles

*Specializing In
Hair Restoration
*Relaxers
*Natural Haircare & Locks
*Designer Cuts & Styles
*Hair Braiding
*Wraps
*Waves
*Scrunches
*Nails & Tips

Back To School Special...
20% off on all services for all new clients!
178 East Front St. Plainfield, N.J. 07060 (908) 668-1115

It's Worth A Trip From Anywhere
to see New Jersey's
Largest Selection of African American Collectables at

Suburban Jewelers
Lladro
Daddy's Long Legs
Sarah's Attic
All God's Children
And much more!

Including many other Fine Collectables
Diamonds - Jewelry
Gifts - China - Figurines
A Limited Edition LLADRO Gallery

Suburban Jewelers
The Collector's Place
126 E. Front St. Plainfield Mon.-Sat. 10-5
908-756-1774 1-800-272-1315 (NJ only)

Roselle Antiques
And Quality Used Furniture

Open Thursday - Saturday
12:00 noon - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(908) 241-9034

Corner Of 1st and Aldene Road
Roselle N.J. Exit 137 off GS Parkway

KEITH HEROD
Photographer

NEW ERA PHOTOGRAPHY
Weddings • Portraits • Commercial

633 Park Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 561-6225

D.J. Carlos M. Gonzalez
Music For All Occasions
Paper #
201-268-1719
Tel #
201-481-9581

**YOUR BUSINESS
CARD HERE**

For more information call 908-754-3400

**SEATL
MANAGER**

(908) 769-7760
(908) 769-7764

SOUTH PLAINFIELD AUTO REPAIR CENTER
COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE OF ALL
AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CARS
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Lube, Oil & Filter Change Only \$14.95 (MOST CARS)
2280 South Clinton Ave. SO. PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

THOMPSON PRINTING CO.
Full Service Printers and Thermographers
202 Front Street, Plainfield N.J. 07060

BUSINESS FORMS
BUSINESS CARDS
RUBBER STAMPS
NOTES
ENVELOPES
PRICE LIST
FOLDING
Spiral Binding

REPORTS
RESUME
POST CARDS
RESUMES
LETTERS
FLYER
COLLATION

OPEN MONDAY
THRU FRIDAY (908) 753-6818

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE
FAX: (908) 753-4331

REVEREND JOHNSON
SPIRITUAL HELPER, HEALER AND ADVISOR
Friends we urge you to seek this person. He is gifted from God. He will remove all bad luck and evil spells. Are you sick? Loss of luck? Have you lost your loved one? Do you have a bad luck and evil influenced life? He is the man who will remove it. Call out your enemies by name. Do not tell him, let him tell you about your problems. FREE READING BY PHONE. Read Romans 10:17 and then call Reverend Johnson. (908) 738-6553

Full Service Detective Agency
Child Abuse
Criminal Civil
Investigation
Corporate Filings
Background
Electronic Surveillance Systems
Residential
Commercial
Corporate
Parking Lot
Security Guard Services
24 Hour Alarm/Control
Travel Agency/Private
Video Camera
Assessment/Control
Security Clearance
Drive-By Patrol

UL-APPROVED
24-HOUR
MONITORING

McAfee Detective Agency
137 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060
908-753-1130
Fax: 908-755-7233

National News

by Robert N. Taylor

(Continued from page 1)

National Center for Health Statistics are as follows:
 * White Females—79.6 years
 * Black Females—73.8 years
 * White Males—72.9 years
 * Black Males—64.8 years
 Black male life expectancy reached its peak in 1985 when it stood at 65.3 years.—WASHINGTON, DC

Nation saddened by robbery, beating of Rosa Parks

Civil Rights hero and pioneer Rosa Parks emerged from a Detroit hospital last week with her face bruised and her lips swollen and spoke calmly about being robbed and beaten by a young black man who broke into her home. The 81-year-old Parks said, "I regret very much that some of our people are in such a mental state that they would hurt and rob an older person. In these times, none of us seems to be safe from this type of treatment and violation by a sick-minded person." Based on Mrs. Parks' description, neighbors caught and held the suspected robber for police. Mrs. Parks helped launch the modern black civil rights movement as well as the career of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when in 1955 she refused a give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery, Alabama bus to a white man.—DETROIT, MICH.

Judge wants Chavis and NAACP to settle out of court

A judge last week ordered the NAACP and ousted Director Benjamin Chavis back to court on October 24 but urged both parties to settle their dispute out of court. According to Judge Richard Seltman, "Lawsuits detract everyone from their regular business. I would not be offended if you solved this matter." The civil rights organi-

zation's board claims it fired Chavis because he had run up a \$2.7 million deficit, used NAACP money to settle a sex discrimination suit and was moving the generally moderate organization in a more radical direction. Chavis claims the board violated its own rules when it fired him and left him without income just weeks before his pregnant wife is scheduled to deliver twins.—WASHINGTON, DC

Black Richmond mayor backs 'no parole' plan

Black Richmond, Virginia Mayor Leonidas Young last week shocked and angered black political leaders by announcing his support for an anti-crime proposal which many consider racist. Young gave his endorsement to Proposal X—a no parole for persons convicted of violent crimes plan being pushed by the state's conservative Governor George Allen. Studies suggest that such plans overwork the nation's jails while having little impact on crime. Another of the state's leading black politicians Representative Robert C. Scott has labeled Proposal X "a political play and a waste of money."—RICHMOND, VA

Georgia blacks charge racism in wake of flood

During recent devastating floods in Georgia, many blacks in Albany, Georgia intentionally diverted flood water from northern predominantly white and affluent areas to predominantly black areas in the southern part of the city? That is the allegation being made by blacks. But it is being vehemently denied by county officials. The debate has become so heated that the U.S. Justice

(Continued on page 10)

Clinton on Haiti, Cuba: dual standard?

by William Reed,

In the face of pressure from African Americans the Clinton Administration now insists it is "unequivocally committed to sending troops to help engineer a change of government in Haiti." The administration has also persuaded four Caribbean countries to contribute troops to a military overthrow of the Haitian junta and ordered immediate training of the "multinational force."

But, Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole said, "The United Nations and the Caribbean community now support military action in Haiti, but there's still a missing link in the Administration's Haiti policy: Support from the American people. In my view, the President has not made his case for an invasion."

Until he does, I oppose an invasion." At least 10 national polls this summer have asked Americans if they would support a U.S. invasion of Haiti. In nine polls, respondents overwhelmingly opposed an invasion on grounds

of "financial and human costs." Pentagon experts have estimated that an invasion of Haiti would cost \$427 million on top of nearly \$200 million already spent rescuing and housing Haitians who have fled their country.

While not all African Americans are asking for an invasion of Haiti, influential Capitol Hill groups, such as the Congressional Black Caucus, TransAfrica and the Office on Africa, are advocating sending in the troops. A recent poll shows that the embattled President receives his greatest support from African Americans. According to the *USA Today/CNN* poll, 71 percent of blacks approve of the job Clinton is doing as president. The general population's support for Clinton is around 43 percent.

With the massive exodus from Cuba exceeding that of Haitians, and the Congressional Black Caucus' (CBC) pressure, the administration's invasion and immigration policy are still on the hot seat with officials having to defend against charges that as actions toward Haiti are racist and that Cubans may get more favorable

immigration treatment. As a member of the CBC says, "A lot of ideological games are going on. Invasion of Haiti, but no Cuba? Special treatment for Cubans, but not Haitians? The levels of hypocrisy are mind-boggling." Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch said: "The time for action has arrived. There can be no doubt in any body's mind that the multinational force is going to Haiti. Training of the multinational force, expected to involve 10,000 U.S. troops and 266 Caribbean forces, will begin immediately at Roosevelt Roads military base in Puerto Rico.

Most of the force will be U.S. Marines and troops from the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C. The Caribbean troops would be in the second wave of invaders, the role a similar group played in 1983 in Grenada, Jamaica, Barbados, Belize and Trinidad and Tobago agreed to commit troops to the contingency from the Caribbean. The Caribbean nations' leaders, said they were "equally united in their determination to take all necessary means" to

restore democracy to Haiti. While many say these Caribbean countries bowed to Clinton pressure to invade Haiti, they are not so willing to invade Fidel Castro's Cuba. Cuban Americans, another major political force Clinton has to handle gingerly, are for invading Cuba now. But African Americans, including TransAfrica and the CBC, are not for invading the Communist-controlled island, which is 200 miles northwest of Haiti and 90 miles southeast of the U.S. *Washington News Dimensions'* columnist Mary Cox said, "It seems the U.S. and Cuban American cohorts are doing all they can to instigate mass disturbances in Cuba. Disturbed Cubans living comfortable in Miami want the poor mostly black and brown Cubans in Cuba to fight their war." Underground networks report that Cuban Americans are the ones telling U.S. officials who are the "criminals," most of the black and brown refugees.

White Cuban Americans have a traditional relationship with U.S. officials and are bent on getting rid of Castro, at all costs. They say that he is "Sending provocateurs to stir up the Cuban refugees detained at Guantanamo." But Mrs. Cox reminds Americans that the people who started the uprising in Cuba in the first place, where already known criminals, "It has been established that the instigators of these outbreaks are common criminals and anti-social elements. Their goal is to emigrate to the U.S., encouraged by its open arms policy and the continuous radio broadcasting to Cuba from U.S. territory."

The administration's line on Cuba, compared to Haiti, hasn't been totally truthful. While the U.S. wants Castro to keep most of the people desiring to leave the country, mostly through U.S. prompting, the U.S. has Cuban officials are telling the U.S. to use the number they will accept to 100,000. Cox says: "There are obvious reasons why over the last year, the U.S. granted residence visa to only 2,700 Cubans. The Cubans risking their lives to travel to the U.S. are poor. Fidel Castro has questioned the U.S. immigration policy and complained that the 2,700 number is far below the legal ceiling of 27,485 Cubans that the administration is authorized to admit."

Kids learn lesson

(Continued from page 1)

Straight program, which takes at-risk youth out of prison so that they can see and experience first-hand the conditions of prison life. However, at one point after one of the many prison visits, he heard the young men laughing at the program and he realized that more needed to be done.

"One of them said, 'this is nothing. That is not going to stop me.' George said, 'I knew then that it was not enough to try and scare them. We had to find other positive alternatives to keep our kids from going off in to the wrong path.'"

With the aid of a small volunteer staff and one donated computer in his small office, George set out to teach basic business training, property and business ownership, provide housing assistance to at-risk youths and ex-offenders of the community.

The Friends of the Lifers' pro-

gram primarily focuses on economics. According to George, young people turn to crime because of "their inability to gain the things or lifestyle he or she desires. Crime seems to offer the fastest way of obtaining the money which offers the desired lifestyle. FOTLYC presents legal alternatives to crime as well as a program which develops the skills for the growth of business."

Participants of the programs come from all over the city. Some are referred by agencies, others by family members or self-referrals. Once entered, they are thoroughly screened to determine strength and weaknesses. A plan of action is then developed to help the youth overcome any and all problems which may hamper success.

The youth is then registered for a three month business training class.

During this period, the students are taught basic business principles such as budgeting, and accounting skills. They do self-improvement exercises and learn how to develop personal skills. Weekends are spent with flea market vendors who show how to run an actual business.

"We then assist them with job search, education or help them develop their own businesses," George said.

Although he enjoys his work, George said it is not easy running a program with the \$25,000 Block Grant donated by the city.

"Often, I say, Lord, how am I going to pay the light bill, or the phone bill this time. However, if you are doing something good, and you are giving it your best, the Lord will be on your side. 'I'm not religious, but I do have faith.'"

It's here! Minority Business Journal Small Business Banking issue. Call 908-754-3400 for your subscription.

New! Pay interest only* and cut your payments.*

Our new Home Equity Credit Line gives you choices.

Now you can lower your monthly payments on our Home Equity Credit Line by paying just interest only and deferring principal payments. Or, if you prefer, make a payment of principal plus interest. You can even vary your payments from month to month. With a United Jersey® Home Equity Credit Line, the choice you make is up to you — for a full ten years. Just look at the chart to see how much you can reduce your monthly payments by paying interest only. What's more, the interest may be tax deductible — ask your tax advisor. And you won't have to start repaying a penny of



principal until the tenth anniversary of your loan. Now that's flexibility!

Borrow from \$5,000 to \$250,000[†] for tuition, emergency home repairs, debt consolidation, unexpected expenses — the money's there when you need it. Your low introductory rate for the first 12 months of your loan will be

TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT	MONTHLY PAYMENT		MONTHLY DIFFERENCE
	Regular Equity Line Principal & Interest	New Equity Line Interest Only	
\$25,000	\$258	\$154	\$104
\$50,000	\$516	\$308	\$208

Based on a variable introductory APR which for September was 7.5%

The Prime Rate as published in *The Wall Street Journal* on the first business day of each month, minus .25%. This rate may adjust monthly. After the introductory period, your rate will be adjusted monthly to be The Prime Rate plus 1.85%. Your rate can never go up (based on the fully indexed rate) more than 2% annually, or 6% over the life of your loan. And there are no points, application fees or closing costs.

Take advantage of our flexible new way to borrow. Visit any of our 183 United Jersey® branches throughout New Jersey. Apply by phone or request an application by calling **1-800-282-BANK** toll-free Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Interest only payments for the first 10 years of a 30-year term and principal and interest payments for remaining 20 years. †Loans over \$250,000 may incur additional costs. Offer may be withdrawn at any time and applies to owner occupied 1-4 family New Jersey principal residences, condominiums and townhouses only. You must carry insurance on the property that secures the home equity plan you choose.



Member FDIC. Equal Opportunity Lender. Member of UJB Financial Corp., a financial services organization with over \$14 billion in assets.

PUNISH

EDITORIAL

Who is responsible for the violence

Times sure have changed over the last fifteen years or so. It used to be that after-school you went home, tried to sneak in a cartoon or two before you did your homework and then you'd go outside to play until dinner. Now-a-days kids come home, do homework if they remembered to bring it home or didn't do it in school and play "video games," which are thought to be harmless. But how many parents honestly sit down and view these games before they allow their children to play them. The violence in some of these video games have over seven and eight year olds leading off furniture onto their little sisters head or jumping up to karate kick their brothers or friends. And that's considered harmless.

So who's fault is it when our children are unruly and hyper? We can't not solely blame the manufacturers who put out the videos because they aren't the ones purchasing them and obviously they don't have their child in mind when they make such violent games; there are more important issues like how much should we charge consumers and how much revenue will it bring in. But what about the government?

If movies and home rentals must be rated and record companies must now place warning labels on tapes advising of explicit lyrics, then why can't the government force video game manufacturers to also place violence warnings on these vicious video games that are possessing our children. Something must be done. After all our children are spending hours and hours playing these games, most of the time unsupervised, and parents are spending fifty and sixty dollars for these video games that are transforming our pride possessions into uncontrollable mutans.

Freedom and fairness for all Americans

by Horace Cooper

Congressman Richard K. Arney of Texas reminds us that good public policy must build on what's best and what works. He has introduced a revolutionary plan to wrestle away from big government and its forbidding hold on every American and return to all Americans control over their economic destiny. Billed, appropriately, The Freedom and Fairness Restoration Act (FFRA), would scrap the current Ruhl's Cube tax code and replace it with a simple and neutral tax code based on a 17 percent flat tax on income. All personal income would be taxed once at the single low rate of 17 percent. This low flat tax would be possible because Rep. Arney's plan would trim the fat off federal programs and put caps on federal spending.

Recognizing that both the House and Senate have shown themselves to be incapable of restraining their wild spending habits, Rep. Arney's plan introduces needed checks and balances on federal spending and growth. Among these improvements, the FFRA is set up to terminate those programs which Congress does not specifically authorize or re-authorize. No longer would government programs continue to operate on autopilot, unexamined, and unaccounted. Spending programs will have to learn to justify themselves. If they don't, they will be excised.

Another feature of Rep. Arney's check on Congress is that it places spending caps on all forms of spending to ensure that the federal government doesn't abuse its Jurassic Park style growth. By any measure, spending has risen dramatically in recent decades. In 1950, the government spent approximately \$154 for every man, woman, and child in America. Today it spends three times as much—over \$4,700 per person. All total, the federal government spends \$15 trillion annually, nearly a quarter of the wealth produced in America each year. This amount is larger than the gross domestic product of every other country in the world with the exception of Japan. But how many of us think we're get-

ting our money's worth?

In addition to a 17 percent flat tax, Rep. Arney's bill provides for personal and dependent deductions (\$13,100 for an individual, \$26,200 for a married couple and \$5,300 for each child or dependent). This means that a family of four could earn up to \$36,000 and pay absolutely no federal income taxes. Should the Arney proposal be adopted, families could better provide for their dependents, prepare for uncertainties of the future, and begin the savings so vital for the realization of dreams.

Such family allowances would take many Americans, especially minority families, off the tax rolls entirely. According to U.S. Census data, the average household income of black Americans is \$17,800 or less than one-half of the family allowance provided for in Rep. Arney's bill. This is the kind of economic encouragement black Americans need. At present, as Paul Kleibuck noted in the November 9, 1992 issue of *Forbes*, "poor people who try to improve their condition face marginal tax rates of up to 100 percent."

By eliminating the double taxation of savings, Rep. Arney's bill would spur investment in new businesses and capital equipment. Small and big business alike would be able to expand and hire new employees. As they become more profitable, they'll be able to pay their employees better. This means that minorities would have greater opportunities at these businesses and be better paid, too.

It is true that what is good for America is good for blacks, Hispanics and Asians. Minorities, in particular, would benefit from Rep. Arney's package because of the vital incentive for savings, the opening of the doors to credit and, ultimately, entrepreneurial activity. In fact, it is the entrepreneurs who would rise fastest at stars and have the greatest promise due primarily to the inflexibilities of larger and older businesses. Thus minorities would likely prosper most. Those who have not yet had the chance to climb the economic ladder will find the richest opportunity if Arney's bill is passed.

Horace Cooper is a member of the advisory committee for the African-American leadership group Project 21.

By Connie Woodruff

Newark continues to be the target of a federal probe and it all has to do with money... the filthy lucre that's the root of all evil.

The moving hand is writing in Newark but some city fathers don't seem to be getting the message: Big Brothers in the state and in Washington are watching you. Beware!

Mayor Sharpe James is aware business as usual has to go. He felt now is not the time for the city council to take itself a raise. The city is in dire straits. Unemployment is high. There needs to be a war on crime (that must be paid for) and property owners are unhappy because nobody abates their taxes.

These are dangerous times for politicians, especially the Democratic Party variety. So when the city council voted themselves a raise, the Mayor responded with a veto.

At the meeting after the veto, the council thumbed its nose and voted to override the mayor's veto. Only three members refused to go along with the program: West Ward councilman Ron Rice voted "no," councilman-at-large Gary Harris "abstained" and North Ward councilman Tony Carino was ruled as "not voting."

But the "yes" votes by council members Hank Martinez, Luis Quintana, Mildred Crump, Donald Bradley, Donald Tucker and George Branch prevailed as it did the 5 percent "cost of living" increase the council and mayor will get January 1995 and through 1998 when they will all be up

for re-election.

Mayor James has promised to veto a 5 percent salary increase voted for him. In that action Rice and Harris voted no while Crump "abstained." When a really important issue is on the council agenda voters turn out in full force for the meeting. The show of force, chagrin, frustration or anger is good.

The problem is citizen apathy is at the wrong place and the wrong time. The same number of folks should be attending the pre-council meetings where the real decisions on what the vote at the public meeting are made.

Pre-council meetings are also open to the public. Speakers may not be heard but they will be seen by council members who may think twice about how and what they will vote for at the public meeting.

Councilwoman Crump described as "one of the guys" is disturbing to voters who truly believed an African American mayor officially a part of Newark city government would make a difference.

To date, Crump seems to be most involved in carrying the ball on controversial issues she knows little or nothing about. It's hoped to tell the volunteers to rush in where angels fear to tread or she's unwittingly duped into being the spokesperson for her colleagues.

As for the other newcomer to city government, councilman-at-large Luis Quintana, he's smart enough to look and listen and then

vote with the majority. A sort of laid back attitude that's neither good nor bad for his image.

Wonder if he also thinks he "deserves" a raise after three months on the job and precious little to show for it?

One thing is for sure. It didn't take the new council members long to get in the swing of things like all the perks that go with the office. A staff of a half dozen people to do the nitty-gritty work. Public attention like they never had before. City cars, free meals, public appearances and interaction with the great and near-great.

Campaign promises are quickly forgotten in the swirl of public adulation. But the rhetoric they espoused six months ago no longer sounds good to the people in the trenches, to the neighborhoods where unemployment, crime and drugs are real and menacing.

Money to make life easier for council members was never a part of the hundreds of speeches voters suffered through to support their favorite candidate.

In campaigns salary for the office is never discussed and talking about personal rewards for serving the public is a no-no.

And if you haven't yet received your invitation you may be one of the lucky voters asked to attend a fund-raiser reported to be held in October to help councilman Crump to pay off some campaign debts. Chances are most of

her colleagues will follow suit.

Our good friend, David Barker, a mover and shaker among Prince Hall Masons, continues to be hospitalized in Beth Israel. A get well card would be most welcome and comforting to Dave and wife, Beverly who maintains a bedside vigil.

On a more somber note: A wall-to-wall audience of local jazz lovers turned up at Trumpets in Montclair last weekend to welcome gospel singer Yvette Glover back to the city of R & B. Yvette came on stage smelling roses—all dozens of them sent by one of her biggest fans, dancer Gregory Hines.

Backed up by a swinging quartet Glover pleased the crowd with everything from blues to ballads in a voice range that soared from soprano to a throaty bass. Every oldie but goodie reminded us how much she's been missed.

Yvette put her career on ice temporarily when she took on the job of managing her son's career. Savion held the stage running as the Tap Dance Kid and has not looked back, becoming a star of stage, screen and television in the process of growing up.

Now that she's back, careworn, Yvette is a delight to watch and a joy to hear as a master of music and lyrics and communication with her audience, a talent inherited from her mother, jazz and soul singer, Mary Lou Williams.

Thanks...Trumpets. Can't have too much of a good thing.

Reclaiming our youth

WDC-The African-American family in the United States loses a child every four hours to a bullet. Many more are injured or traumatized by exposure to violence and homicide. A young person under age eighteen is twice as likely as an adult to be victimized by the complex cycle of violence today. In this sense, we have, as a community, abandoned our youth. We have left them in harms way. We must Reclaim Our Youth, reaffirm their value to us, and reconnect ourselves to them in meaningful ways. It is up to us to move our children out of harms way. In the words of the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, founder of the Rainbow National Reclaim Our Youth Crusade, "To choose to reclaim our youth is to choose to redeem the soul of America."

The mission of the Rainbow National Reclaim Our Youth Crusade is to reverse the rising tide of violence and homicide among today's youth. The strategy is to use our organizing and coalition building capabilities to generate new partnerships which serve as a "literal basket of support" within communities across the nation. We are mobilizing leadership cadres through weekly prayer break fast meetings. Representatives from churches and the faith community are providing the foundation for building Reclaim Our Youth coalitions in several cities. These spiritual leaders are creating unprecedented partnerships with the courts and judicial community. The "black robe" team works along with educators, social workers, lawyers, elected officials, health professionals, parents, colleges and youth to achieve specific reach youth goals in five key areas: (1) Parent/School Bonding; (2) Adult Youth Mentoring/Nurturing; (3) Youth Policy Advocacy; (4) Youth/Student Empowerment; and (5) Media Involvement and Accountability.

We now seek to mobilize 100 churches within cities and communities across the country to increase the number of mentoring, nurturing and coaching relationships for our young people and their families. We know we can stop this epidemic of violence. We can reverse this tide. Here are the basic steps to follow in our community:

Convene a town meeting/issue forum to address local concerns and explore the conditions, causes, costs and cures of violence. Involve a diverse team including teachers, students, judges, ministers, youth service workers, parents and human service workers.

Establish a diverse local steering committee to meet on a weekly basis for both strategic planning and community building.

Begin to recruit one hundred churches to pledge participation in the program's five key components (previously listed).

Design local pilot initiatives in any or all of the five key areas and designate local organizations to administer them. Collaborate with and support existing programs that relate to the key components.

The Washington, DC model has already resulted in several key victories.

A church/city system collaboration has launched a unique mentoring program which serves as an alternative to incarceration when appropriate for youth. With the help of Major League Baseball, Reclaim Our Youth has launched a new inner city youth baseball league with 30 teams for girls and boys. Students have marched for their right to live without fear and parents are pledging greater involvement in their children's education and their children. The Reclaim Our Youth

pledge for excellence and against violence asks parents to commit to five key things: (1) take your child to school; (2) meet your child's teacher; (3) exchange phone numbers; (4) pickup report cards and monitor test scores; and (5) turn off the television for three hours of study time each night.

These pledges serve as a catalyst for organizing parents and communities around embracing and protecting our youth. Reverend Jackson views the epidemic of youth violence as an opportunity

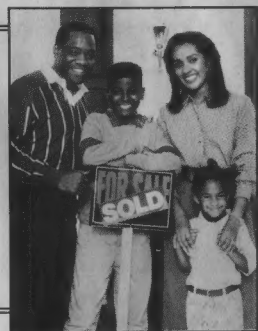
for us as a community to stand up and take back our right to live free of fear, our inalienable right in the pursuit of happiness. In his words, "No one will (or can) save us, for us, but us."

The Rainbow National Reclaim Our Youth Crusade wants you to take this leadership role in your own community. For more information contact Dr. Gail C. Christopher, Director, Rainbow National Reclaim Our Youth Crusade, at 202-728-1180 or 202-296-6726.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP PEOPLE BUY HOMES!

LOCAL MORTGAGE PLANS FOR:

- First Time Home Buyers
- Low/Moderate Income Families*

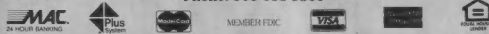


Our local mortgage plans offer low payments, lower interest rates, lenient income ratios, greater loan to value ratios and much more. *For complete details and to find out if you qualify, call 908-688-9500.

You can afford a home!

THE UNION CENTER NATIONAL BANK

NEW MAIN OFFICE: 2455 Morris Avenue • UNION CENTER: 2003 Morris Ave. • Union • STUYVESANT: 1723 Stuyvesant Ave. • Union • STONE STREET: Drive In: 2022 Stone St. • Union • SPRINGFIELD: 783 Mountain Ave. • Springfield • FIVE POINTS: 356 Chestnut St. • Union • CAREER CENTER: Union High School, Union • BERKELEY HEIGHTS BANKING CENTER: 512 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Hts. • 908-771-5588 • Phone: 908-688-9500



CITY NEWS

Publisher

Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

Executive Editor

Jon M. Edgerton-Johnson

Assistant Editor

Sandra Wright

Editorial Assistants

Steve Green, Sherry Burns

Director of Advertising Sales

Lorraine Davis Hickman

Contributing Writers

Sharon Khadijah Vincent, Connie Woodruff, Paul Joseph

Composition

Sandra Wright, Steve Green



City News is published weekly by City News Publishing Company P.O. Box 1774, 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Telephone (908) 754-3400 FAX (908) 753-1036. The publisher reserves the right to delete objectionable words or phrases and to reject any advertising. This publication, in whole or parts thereof, may not be reproduced in any form whatsoever without the expressed written permission of the Publisher. City News assumes no responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts, art or photographs. No material submitted can be returned without a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Copyright 1994 City News Publishing Company. All rights reserved.

KidsKalendar

SEPTEMBER 16

WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will conduct a "Making nutritious after-school snacks" workshop at the RCE auditorium, 300 North Ave. from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The recipes are designed for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info contact Edith Jones at 908 654-9854.

SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK—Colonade Inner-City Youth will hold their 5th Annual Community Day Picnic Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. A back to school fashion show will be featured. Vendors are welcome. For more info contact James E. Gaines 201 485-5610.

SEPTEMBER 24

WESTFIELD—Meetings for the 4-H Dog and Cat Club will begin from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 4-H office, 300 North Ave. for all those cat and dog lovers. Call Karen Cole to register or for more info at 908 654-9854.

OCTOBER 1

WESTFIELD—The first meeting of the 4-H prep club will take place at the 4-H office from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Youth between the ages of 7 to 18 interested in cooking, horticulture, arts and crafts, and field trips while making new friends encouraged to join. For more info contact Karen Cole at 908 654-9854.

OCTOBER 1-2

NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of the Arts will have a Fall painting program for children 5-10 at noon to 3 p.m. Children can create their own still life drawings using color tempera paint. For more info call 212 274-0988.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

NORTH BRANCH—The Theatreworks/USA presents Goldilocks and the Three Bears at the Edward Nash Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College. Performances begin at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more info call 908 725-3420.

OCT. 9 THRU DEC. 18

MONTHCLAIR—There are weekend courses and activities for academically gifted/advanced youngsters for children in grades 4-10 at Montclair State College. For more info call 201 854-4333.

Send Kids Kalendar

events to:

CITY NEWS,
P.O. BOX 1774,
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Students take a Fantastic Voyage

by Natalie Bernard

Did you spend your summer relaxing on the beach, bathing in the hot sun or maybe soaring down a roller coaster screaming your lungs out? Well, the students who attended the fantastic voyage summer program had an intriguing time because they traveled through the exciting maze of science learning the chemistry about how these things happen.

Dr. Ophelia Gona, an associate professor of Anatomy at the UMDNJ medical school, organized this summer camp to enrich the minds of young scientists by using the modern facilities of the medical school and utilizing science resources in and around northern NJ.

"The aim of this program is to attract more young people of ethnic groups that are under-represented in the sciences to enter careers in science, engineering, or mathematics," said Gona. Why is this camp called "Fantas-

tic Voyage? Well, according to Gona, the name was borrowed from a science fiction movie where several people were shrunk and "injected into a dying man's carotid artery." Their objective was to reach the blood clot and destroy it with a laser gun. Just as the story unfolds, the campers were involved in similar activities implied by the movie.

This past summer, 30 ninth graders participated in the science camp amidst the numerous other high school students, college, and university students on the campus. "Being around so many other scientists is certain to lend an air of excitement to the teenagers," said Gona.

According to Sherree Barnes, a freshman at Bannergate High school, the program was fun, basically, we had a lot of hands-on experiences. We visited submarines, museums, and even created our own projects," she said.

"I learned that I want to learn more about science. This experience made me more enthusiastic about my school work," she continued.

Throughout the 5 week program, the campers went on various trips, attending lectures and studying everything from hearts to gear levers. "My favorite activity was studying the properties of cobble (a food coloring made of water and corn starch). It was interesting when cobble changed from liquid to solid at a certain touch, Jose Martinez, a camper said.

"On my trip to the airport, I saw all types of airplanes. I had a chance to get on a Continental Airlines airplane and look around and go into the cockpit," Shaquellah Torrence, another student said.

This summer camp was founded by the National Science Foundation. A grant was awarded to Gona to establish the program. This program was free of charge and open to any student who voiced an interest in science.

Students from private and public schools submitted applications for this camp soon heading towards its second season. For more information about the program contact Dr. Gona at the medical school.

Showtime with Loretta Long



NORTHPLAINFIELD—It's showtime with Dr. Loretta Long, the TV personality "Susan" from Sesame Street. Dr. Long's one hour presentation entitled "Showtime" which includes sign alongs, picture taking and autograph signing will take place at the exciting and spectacular Children's Fun Fest held Saturday, September 24. The festival, which opens at noon until 5 p.m., takes place at The Trinity Reformed Church, 401 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield. "Showtime" begins at 12:30 p.m. Pastors Harry and Yolanda Van Fleet

of City of Light Ministries in Plainfield are eagerly waiting to greet you and your children as you participate with creative face paintings, balloon sculpting by Balloon-A-magic and magic by West Craft. Enjoy the music pagentry of performing arts production company of Ms. Ethel's Kids. Also, featuring the animated voice of Miss Asia K. Dos Reis of Zoe Ministries, New York City. Giveaways available and vendors on location.

For more information call 908 232-7680.

New lesson plan developed for Union County fourth graders

ELIZABETH—To introduce fourth grade pupils to the wealth of primary historic resources that Union County has to offer, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs have developed a lesson plan involving 16 historic house museums located within the boundaries of Union County. The lesson plan will familiarize the children with the sites that actually existed and played a role in the development of Union County and the municipalities in which the children study and reside. The structures range from a mansion built in 1680 to a store dating to 1900.

The lesson plan was developed to enhance "Four Centuries in a Weekend...A Journey Through Union County's History", a unique house tour slated to take place Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. and Sunday, October 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In Union County, teachers instruct students about local history as part of the fourth grade curriculum.

Linda Lee-Kelly, member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Liaison to the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board and former teacher, states "The lesson plan developed for this project allows the students to take the factual information they have learned in the classroom and go to the sites within the County to see where history actually occurred. We are very fortunate that these original historic sites still exist for all of us to see."

The lesson plan, distributed to the fourth grade teachers through their respective schools, will include an outline map of the County for locating the historic sites and a time-line

allowing the children to understand the chronology of the County's history as well as a compare and contrast activity. While these activities take place in the classroom, a "passport" activity is one that the children may accomplish outside of the classroom. Any child who visits three of the sites between October 22nd and December 23rd and has his/her passport stamped at the site will receive a certificate from the County of Union for participating in the program.

For information on the lesson plan or about arts and humanities activities in Union County or for a free descriptive brochure about "Four Centuries in a Weekend", call the Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. TDD 1-800-852-7899 during business hours.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

NEWARK—September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Newark may obtain a free Newark Public Library card; others may secure one for a nominal fee.

Convenient sign-up desks are located at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street, at each of the neighborhood

branches, and at the Business Information Center, 34 Commerce Street.

"As a special treat, children who sign-up in September in any of the library's Children's Rooms will also receive a colorful Parents as Reading Partners book-mark," says Michele Cappetta, youth services coordinator.

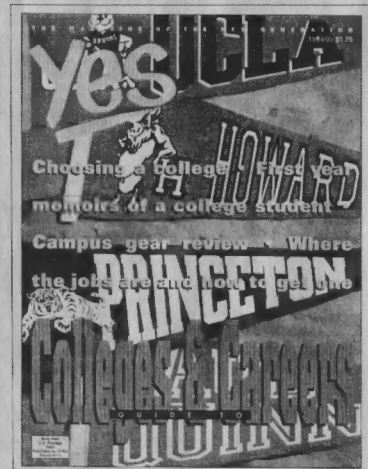
New Jersey CPA Society offering scholarships

ROSELAND—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) is offering several \$4,000 scholarships and other awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to New Jersey high school seniors who intend to major in accounting in college.

Recipients are chosen based upon their overall score on the NJSCPA's Scholarship Awards Examination which will be administered December 10 & 11. This exam is essentially

a measure of general aptitude skills rather than a test of accounting skills. You do not have to be currently enrolled in an accounting class. All applications must be received by October 31.

For exam applications contact your guidance counselor or your business department. For more information contact the NJSCPA Office, 425 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, N.J. 07068, 201 226-4494.



If you know where you're going, we want to know who you are.

McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow

is looking for outstanding high school juniors. Submit a 900-word essay titled, "How I Plan To Make An Impact On Black History," along with an application, school transcript and a letter of recommendation. Ten national finalists will be selected.

Each winner receives an award certificate, a \$1,000 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to the national "McDonald's Satellite Leadership Conference" in Chicago during Black History Month. You'll meet and exchange ideas with today's Black history makers in business, education, entertainment and government. So, get your application or more information by calling:

McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow® Hotline (312) 443-8589

All entries must be post-marked no later than November 11, 1994.
©1994 McDonald's Corporation



Get your subscription today, YES helps you make the grade

Name			
Address	City	State	Zip
School	Grade		
Send Gift Subscription to			
Address	City	State	Zip

Religious Calendar

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

ORANGE—Tex Womble of the Black Cowboys Assoc. & Royce Duke Production presents the N.A.A. "Voices of Hope Mass Choir" and the "Christian Pentecostal Community Choir" with guest soloist K. Robinson Harris inside at the Washington Manor, 340 Thomas Blvd. off Washington St. at 2 p.m.

NEWARK—Bethany Baptist Church is sponsoring a 10 mile Walk-A-Thon "Walking For The Future" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The walk will begin at the church 275 W. Market St. and continue into Branch Brook Park and return to Bethany. For more info, call 201-623-8161.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

JERSEY CITY—Dan Recording Co. is sponsoring New Jersey's first Gospel Gospel Fest at Place St. Moors A.M.E. Church, 37 Virginia Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. showtime is 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-434-1618.

METUCHEN—The Second Baptist Church's music department will hold a gospel music workshop from noon to 3 p.m. The workshop's theme is "We Are One" and will be led by Minister Lathonia Stampler of Barrington Ridge Island. All choir and singers are welcome to participate. For more info, contact James Worde at 908-549-0447.

Send Religious Calendar events to

City News

144 North Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Bethany Baptist Church sponsors Walk for the future

NEWARK—Bethany Baptist Church Building Fund Committee will sponsor a Walk-A-Thon "WALKING FOR THE FUTURE" on September 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The walk will begin at Bethany Baptist Church, 275 West Market Street and continue into Branch Brook Park and return to Bethany. Sponsors are needed for the walkers Sponsorship begins at \$5.00 and all donations are accepted. For more information call 201-623-8161. T-Shirts, Buttons and certificate will be given as an incentive to each walker. Proceeds will benefit the \$6.1 million dollar elementa-

Charles Sowell, Jr. and Bessie Walker Williams people to remember

by Connie Woodruff

The title "role model" is given the underserving as often as those who should be recognized for setting an example of excellence for young people in a given society.

Certainly Charles Sowell, Jr., a religious and fraternal leader and Bessie Walker Williams, a life long activist, deserve to be remembered as two of Newark's outstanding and tireless volunteer "role models."

Mr. Sowell died July 22 at the age of 92. He was known as "Uncle Charlie" to thousands in the city, state and nation. In the early 1900's he helped to found Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Sowell was born February 3, 1903, moving from his native Pollard, Alabama to Newark in 1917. Throughout his life in Newark he maintained a keen interest in the city's cultural and social life.

He was especially interested in sports and helped to establish several sports organizations like the Old Timers Club and a boosters club for the extinct Newark Eagles black baseball team.

Shortly after he married Beulah Marrow in 1927, the Sowell's pioneered as black entrepreneur's, opening a cleaning business in the old third Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Sowell, operated their cleaning store on Hillside Place for three decades employing members of the Sowell-Marrow clans as well as neighborhood residents. Their partnership of love and business lasted until Mrs. Sowell died November, 1986.

Mr. Sowell divided his time between business, his church and his fraternal obligations as a member of Bethany Lodge, Prince Hall Masons where he moved through all of the houses of the order and obtained his 33rd degree.

He became a member of Metropolitan's Board of Trustees in 1938 and two years later took on the job of church financial secretary, a position he held for 32 years.

While small in stature, Uncle Charlie Sowell was big in spirit and spiritually. He was generous with his time and wisdom and remained politically active until his demise.

He could always be called upon to talk about Newark's rich African American history during the celebra-

tion of Black History Month at local schools.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a brother, Richard, Sr. of Washington D.C., nieces and nephews, Henrietta Parker, Lois Bey, Richard, Jr., Lorenzo, Edward Wadud, many other relatives and a host of friends.

Bessie Walker Williams was one of the most active senior citizens in Newark although she shied away from established clubs for older citizens.

Mrs. Williams was 88 when she succumbed to a lingering illness that kept her periodically hospitalized the last year of her life.

Williams often described herself as a "small town Georgia peach with big town ideas." Her blunt frankness always made it perfectly clear that she was friend or foe.

She grew up in Plant City, Florida where at age 15, she attended an all girls school run by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune who became young Bessie's lifelong idol.

She was forced to give up her dream of educational achievement under the tutelage of Mrs. Bethune because the financial strain was too great for her family of eight children and the poverty of the rural South.

In the late 1930's Williams moved to New York where she worked and attended night school until she moved to Newark in 1960. It was a struggle, she told many audiences, but she persevered and kept her dream of higher education alive while working as a domestic, factory helper and finally acquiring an LPN.

As a newswriter, opportunities for community leadership developed and when Williams became involved in city politics it was clear she had found her niche.

After years of involvement, she joined the staff of the Newark Police Department as a dispatcher, enrolled in Bloomfield College and renewed her dream of a college degree.

In May 1985, at the age of 79, Bessie Walker Williams (who had also been a student at Essex County College) received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, Newark. She had the distinction of being the oldest person in her graduating class. The dreamer had conquered the dream.

Bessie Williams was timeless and tireless in service to her community. When she was a resident senior citizen in the Van Vechtan housing project,

she was instrumental in the establishment of an on-site clinic. And whenever she was in pursuit of anything that would benefit her neighborhood, she would lobby everybody from a political block captain to Mayor.

Almost single-handedly, she was responsible for the placement of voting machines in her senior building at 2 Nevada St., a feat that encouraged more elderly people to vote.

Despite a creeping illness that was to claim her life, Bessie Williams' continued to dream big, while completing requirements for a Masters Degree and earning a Doctorate in sociology.

A month ago Bessie's oldest friend and neighbor, Mrs. Louise Epperson, headed a group of friends who held memorial services for the woman who motivated, inspired and always remembered others.

Bessie Walker would have thoroughly enjoyed the tributes offered by Mayor Sharpe James and councilman-at-large Luis Quintana among other friends and mentors for one who knew the heartbeats and joy of never giving up on a dream.

Rose of Sharon Community Church looks to new beginnings

PLAINFIELD—The Rose of Sharon Community Church cordially invites the public to the official dedication of the new church edifice located at 825 W. Seventh St. on Saturday, September 17 at 11 a.m.

There will also be a 8:45 a.m. pre-dedication service at the Masonic Building site located at 105 E. Seventh St., where the congregation has been worshipping for several years.

Immediately after the service, the members and friends of the congregation will begin their

victory celebration march westward on West Seventh Street to the new church edifice.

Since 1987, the church has worked to accumulate capital to complete the construction of the facility. Construction was made possible by loans from Midland Bank of Newark and United National Bank of Plainfield.

According to Rev. LaVerne Lattimore Ball, "It was the vision of our founder Rev. Ovie E. Lattimore, and the dream of the late Dr. Everett C. Lattimore, the former pastor, to see this construction completed."

PAS to distribute food commodities

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Action Services will be distributing free food commodities for Plainfield residents who are pre-registered with Plainfield Action Services for 1994, on Saturday, September 17, at Hubbard Junior High School, 661 West 8th

Street. Commodities will be distributed from 8:00 a.m. until all items are exhausted or 4:00 p.m. to individuals regardless of race, creed, religion, sex, age, origin or handicap. If you need additional information, contact person: Pattie Boone, 908-753-3519.

Mothers' center to host open house

PLAINFIELD—Are you a new arrival to the area? Looking for new friends and isolation of motherhood? The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey offers daytime discussion groups with on-site child care, evening workshops and social activities.

The center will host an open house on Wednesday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church at 716 Wachung Avenue.

The Mothers' Center is a non-profit organization founded by a small

group of concerned mothers to help other mothers cope with the demands and isolation of motherhood. It is now celebrating its 15th anniversary and serves members in Union, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties.

The open house will provide interested mothers an opportunity to meet center members and learn more about the organization and its membership policies. A tour of the facilities will be given.

For further information call 908-561-1751.

Union County to hold P.O.W./M.I.A. Ceremony

ELIZABETH—Union County will recognize National P.O.W./M.I.A. Remembrance Day by holding a ceremony in front of the courthouse on Broad St. at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, announced Freeholder Linda Stender, liaison to the Viet Nam P.O.W./M.I.A. Citizens Committee.

"We are asking all churches, schools, public and municipal facilities

to ring their bells and sound their sirens for one minute beginning at 12 noon on Sept. 16, in honor of the P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s of all wars," said Stender. "The brief ceremony will consist of short speeches by representatives from various county veterans' organizations."

For further information or questions call committee member Roger Luggan at 908-527-4918.

What you should know about car repair reform

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Daniel Hill, Westfield resident and the freelance author of the forthcoming report on motor vehicle repair reform for the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), will be hosting two citizen forums to gain public input.

The forums will give area residents an opportunity to describe car repair problems that they have experienced and to recommend industry-wide reforms.

In line with the focus of the NAAG report, the forums will consider only mechanical repairs and

will not address collision body work, cosmetic repairs, warranty repairs or insurance issues. In addition, Mr. Hill will not discuss any specific details about the NAAG report, scheduled to be released in late October.

Citizens wishing to participate are invited to attend either forum. The first forum will be held on Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, located at 263 Somerset St. in North Plainfield. The second forum will be held on Friday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Brewer School, located at 430 Westfield Avenue in Clark.

Great Rate
For First-Time Homebuyers with
Maximum Household Income of \$40,000

Borrow With As Little As 5% Down

7.75%
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE

30 YEAR FIXED-RATE MORTGAGE LOAN

- Monthly principal and interest payment equals \$717 per \$100,000 borrowed
- 7.75% APR based on 20% down
- Down payments of less than 20% will be accepted with private mortgage insurance and will result in slightly higher APR

Points
Lock-in Fees
Gimmicks
Teasers

Annual percentage rate as of September 12th is for one- to four-family owner occupied homes and is subject to change without notice.

For an application or the Investors' branch nearest you, call

1-800-252-8119

Borrow from the best!

INVESTORS
SAVINGS BANK

HOMES OFFICE
• 240 Madison Avenue, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017
800-252-8119
• 1100 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017
800-252-8119
• 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20004
800-252-8119

LONG BRANCH
• 1000 Broadway, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017
• 1000 Broadway, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017
• 1000 Broadway, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017
• 1000 Broadway, Suite 1000
New York, NY 10017

ARTZ WEDNESDAY

Billboard

NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 15

PLAINFIELD—Volunteers of America will sponsor a English as a second language workshop from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Plainfield Public Library. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 9

NEW YORK—Modern Furniture in the Collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, an installation of furniture masterpieces drawn entirely from the museum's remarkably rich collection, will be on view in the 20th Century Design gallery. For more information call 212-570-3951.

NOW THRU JANUARY 29

NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Museum of Art will feature an exhibition, "Pharaoh's Gifts: Stone Vessels from Egypt." Objects dating back to the stone age will be on display. For more info, call 212-570-3951.

OPENING SEPTEMBER 9

NEWARK—Sankofa, the popular film by Ethiopian independent filmmaker Haile Gerima which explores the experience of slavery and rebellion from an African perspective, opens at Lowe's Newark Metropolitan Theatre on Springfield Ave. For more info, call 201-642-5555.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK—S.O.B.'s Productions present the 25th anniversary tour of the "Burning Spear" with special guest the "Mythic Revolvers" at the Manhattan Ragga Center, 311 W. 34th St. Between 9th and 10th Ave. Doors open at 9 p.m., Showtime is 10 p.m. For more info, call 201-507-8900 or 212-307-7171.

PLAINFIELD—The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce will have the 31st Annual "Festival of Art" at Library Park in historic Van Wyck Brooks District from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artist wanting to exhibit must pre-register. For more info, call 908-754-7250.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SAYERSVILLE—Saxophonist Dave Koz will appear in concert at the Club Scene Dinner Theatre for one night only. Dinner is at 6 p.m., Showtime is at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-727-3000.

Send Billboard events to
City News
144 North Ave.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

S.T.O.M.P! broadcasts nationally

NEW YORK—Pro-Line Hair Products presents S.T.O.M.P! (Step Out Championship) hosted by television celebrities Belma Johnson of BET-TV *teens* and Tichina Arnold of the television hit series *Martin*.

S.T.O.M.P! is the first nationally televised step-dance competition of its kind, created and co-executive produced by Frank Mercado-Valdes, president, Alto-Marc communications. For the second consecutive year, S.T.O.M.P! was taped at Walt Disney, MGM-Studios, Orlando, FL.

S.T.O.M.P! is produced by World African Network (WAN) in association with Alto-Marc Communications. Team participants were: The Ques of Southern University; The Nasty New York City Nupes; Ice Cold Alphas of North Carolina Central University; New York Crismon and Creme Team; Pink Ice from Southern University and The Sacramento Rhos. There were special talent performances by Poet D-Knowledge; Step X Step (Choreographers Vernon Jackson & Jimmy Hamilton) and the recording artist 69 Boyz.



S.T.O.M.P! airs in the New York tristate area on WNBC-TV September 18th at 4:00 p.m.

S.T.O.M.P! champions each received a championship trophy, a Polaroid Capiva camera and \$7500 cash. Pro-Line Hair Products was the title sponsor. Platinum sponsors included: AT&T, McDonald's Corporation, Polaroid and Ford.

Baseball, the miniseries



Buck O'Neil, who played first base and managed the Monarchs, offered his hand for this photo. The 82-year-old O'Neil is one of the Baseball series' principal commentators. He became the first black coach in the major leagues, when the Chicago Cubs hired him in 1962.

BASEBALL, Ken Burns' epic nine-part miniseries, will premiere on Sunday, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. ET over PBS as a "General Motors Mark of Excellence Presentation." This photo was taken at the Negro League Museum in Kansas City, MO by Al Suratt, son of former Kansas City Monarchs center-fielder, Slick" Suratt.

The miniseries will highlight baseball legends who made a difference such as Branch Rickey, who started baseball's first farm system—the network of minor league teams used to groom young talent for big league franchises; Rube Foster who in 1920 organized his own Negro National League; and Marvin Miller who was responsible for ridding the infamous reserve clause that bound each player to his club for the duration of his career.



**Award-winning...
Provocative...
And
on target.**

Tune-in every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Host/Producer
Jerry Henry



Another View

The Public Affairs Program for the African American Community



THE NEW JERSEY CHANNEL

Channels 23/50/52/58 • All New Jersey cable systems • 609-777-5000
Tune-in SATURDAYS AT 11:30 a.m. to NJN RADIO 88.1 FM serving central and southern New Jersey.

MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Grambling State University vs. Hampton University

AT GIANT STADIUM, E. RUTHERFORD, NJ

The New York Urban League's 24th Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Football Classic.

SAT., SEPT. 24 - GAME TIME 6:45 PM

Special expanded half time spectacular. The marching bands of Grambling and Hampton University.

WBLS PRE-GAME CONCERT GATES OPEN 3PM

Ticket Prices: \$22 & \$16

Phone Ticketmaster at (212) 307-7171 • (914) 454-3988
New Jersey Ticket Locations: Newark City National Bank, 950 Broad St., The Meadows Arena Box Office, North West Bank Locations, Newark • Springfield Ave., Orange 275 Main St., Fort Lee 154-56 Unwood St., North Plainfield 555 Somerset St. (off Rt. 22), Morristown 1 Lockaway Plaza.

N.Y. Port Authority Bus Terminal to Giants Stadium and return. Community Coach Bus Co. tickets \$7 round-trip, leaving Port Authority continuously from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



Sponsored by the
N.Y. Urban League
WBLS 107.5 FM
and the
DAILY NEWS



McDonald's.

Right in step with the community.



McDonald's salutes the 26th Annual African-American Day Parade.

McDonald's has always taken a hands-on approach to getting involved with our customers—from scholarship programs and student financing to Gospelfest. Now we're taking our commitment to the streets as we salute, support and march in the 26th Annual African-American Day Parade on Sunday, September 18, 1 p.m., Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. from 111th St. to 142nd St. in Harlem.

Over the years, this celebration of Black culture and pride has become a tradition. And we're proud to be part of it. It's just one more way we try to stay in step with the community. And with you.



What you want is what you get.

Business Calendar

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn-Newark Airport 5:30 p.m.-1 p.m.

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY

NEW YORK—The Black Public Relations Society of Greater New York will have general membership meetings at the Manhattan-Marriott. For more info call 212 614-6589.

EVERY FRIDAY

PLAINFIELD—Consumer Credit Counseling Service of N.J., Inc. will provide counseling services at United National Bank's Community Education Center starting July 8. For more info call 201 267-4324.

SEPTEMBER 14 AND 20

NEWARK—A small business workshop, accessing information on the Internet, will take place at the Textile Institute of Technology from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201 648-5950.

NEWARK—RBP, Regional Business Partnership, is sponsoring a Business Outlook '95 seminar. For more info call 201 242-6237.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SOUTH ORANGE—Sutton Hall University's Paul Stillerman School of Business will hold a master of business administrative program information night at 6 p.m. in the Chancellor's Suite of the Bishop Dougherty Student Center. For more info call 201 781-9222.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WASHINGTON, D.C.—There will be a Franchising '95 Business Seminar sponsored by Francorp, Inc., Washington, D.C. For more info call 1-800-877-1103.

SEPTEMBER 20-22

GREENBELT, MD.—A Training and Development of Disadvantaged Small Business in Advanced Technologies (TADSBAT) Program sponsored by NASA, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization will be held at the Goddard Space Flight Center. For more info call 205 883-4451.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

CHERRY HILL, N.J.—Business owners can shape the future by attending the Governor's Conference for Small Business at the Cherry Hill Hyatt. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and an evening reception with the Governor and Commerce Commissioner Guisberto Medina. To register call 609-292-5980.

ATLANTIC CITY—The American Management Association will offer a "Knock Your Socks Off" Customer Service seminar. To register or for more info call 1-800-255-4141.

CHICAGO—The 1994 National Communications will sponsor Forum Partic- ipating in Building, Managing and Using the Information Superhighway. An Im- perative for MWOB, Track 21, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. For more info call 312 638-3500.

PHILADELPHIA—There will be a Franchising '95 Business Seminar, sponsored by Francorp, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more info call 1-800-877-1103.

SEPTEMBER 21-24
ROSEMONT, ILL.—The 30th Annual Convention Showcases, sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction will be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. For more info call 817 877-5550.

Send business events to
City News
144 North Ave. Plainfield, NJ 07060

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Back consumer spending up: what else is new?

by William Reed

The spending power of black America is rising at a faster rate than the nation as a whole. But our personal wealth is still less than half of that of whites and we use little of our consumer clout to increase our rate of savings or ownership of assets.

A study by the University of Georgia indicates that African Americans' purchasing power surged 33.9 percent to \$399 billion over a five-year period ending in 1993. The study, which used data from the Labor Department and Census Bureau, defines "buying power" as total personal income after taxes.

That buying power exceeds the 29.5 percent growth rate estimated for the overall U.S. population during the same period and more than

double the 16.4 percent inflation rate for the 1990-95 period.

According to economist Jeffrey Humphreys, author of the study, the spending power that African Americans control can be the margin between success and failure for many businesses. Reasons for the increase in black buying power are two-fold: rising incomes in the overall community and a growing black population.

In the next 20 years blacks' numbers will grow from 12.5 to 43.9 percent, says the Census Bureau. So it just makes sense for retailers to try to appeal to one of the fastest growing segments of the population. It is estimated that the nation's non-white "minorities" will be the "majority population" by the year 2006. So, it also makes sense that African Americans become more educated consumers and apply their consumer

power in the marketplace by supporting those who've illustrated a record of supporting them.

African American families' average personal wealth is under \$20,000, compared to wealth accumulation in the \$50,000 range for the average white household. The net worth of black households' wealth is less than 60 cents per dollar of white wealth.

In this spite of the fact that there are currently 14 million blacks in the labor force, two million black college graduates, two million blacks in managerial and professional positions and one and one-half million black families with incomes over \$50,000.

Barely 13 percent of blacks have assets of \$50,000 or more compared to 44 percent of whites. So, even if more blacks are working and gaining more spending power, our overall

standard of living has not increased. Our spending totals 7.6 percent of total buying power, but we make up 12.5 percent of the population. And, our collective, and individual, wealth is still lagging behind that of whites and Asians due to consistent patterns of not supporting our own, not saving and investing among our own, nor seeking more reciprocity from mainstream retailers and product suppliers.

The upsurge in black economic spending is related to the overall improvement in the national economy, but even with this windfall, which is not of our making, blacks are consistent in spending 90 cents of each dollar we get outside our community.

Humphreys points out our problems when he says, "Not much of this pool of money (blacks), unfortunately, is spent in venture capital to create

businesses. To illustrate the lack of clout we have on the production side of the American economy, note what our top black-owned firms are doing. The \$6.2 billion in total sales for the top 100 black firms in America in 1993, like black spending power is in an upward spiral, but it pales in comparison to the sales of major corporations.

Overall, the sales of the leading black firms equal less than the sales of Kellogg's, which was ranked 86 on the 1992 Fortune 500 list. The total sales of all black businesses was only three percent of the \$2.3 trillion of Fortune 500 companies' sales in 1993. We have to focus on collective action on doing the type of things economically, and in the marketplace to help ourselves.

Increasing the number and earnings of firms that have black ownership is a basic, and established, way for African Americans to gain increased employment, career training and attain collective wealth development.

Aside from making mainstream retailers give more back to our communities for the \$399 billion we are spending, the task before us is to create more black-owned businesses, invest in black-owned start-ups, increase our spending levels among existing black-owned businesses, build our own inner-city shopping and commercial districts, increase each of our rates of savings and put our savings into black-owned banks and insurance companies.

To continue to do otherwise is foolish. Although black consumer power is up, remember what they say about a fool and his/her money.

International trade made easier

Introductions to South Africa business opportunities provided by new company

NEW YORK—Worldwide Contacts + Connections + Contracts (WC²), and its subsidiary, Travel Quality Management (TQM) have announced their 11 day "Introduction to International Business in South Africa" program in conjunction with Baruch College/CLNY Division of Continuing Studies. Debuting on January 20, 1995, the program will take place in Pretoria, Johannesburg, and Cape Town, South Africa.

WC² has designed a program for the small and medium organization that gives them an edge in the world marketplace. Through the WC² program, participants will be provided with introductions to both private and government sectors. South African individuals and organizations who want to do business with the United States. Large corporations have had the advantage of being able to have people on the ground and locate their own contacts. Small-medium companies now have WC² working on their behalf to provide the contacts necessary for them to do business.

South Africa currently has U.S. trade in excess of \$5.4 billion. Combine that with the plans of the new government, the basic, well developed business infrastructure, and you have a fertile field to develop your business in South Africa. Tour and travel arrangements have been made to accommodate time for briefings on the economic, cultural and regulatory climate in South Africa. Time has been set aside for personalized meetings, so participants can gain valuable contacts and information, leading to contracts.

The founders of WC, Elinor Garely, Mitchell Alexander and Kathleen Fish, all have backgrounds providing in-depth understanding of the international marketplace. Professor Garely has taught, traveled and published her overseas experiences. Mr. Alexander has developed successful businesses in the pollution engineering field, and served on influential boards. Ms. Fish, formerly the senior public affairs manager for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has conducted business forums as well as been active in the hospitality industry.

For a brochure listing the dates, cost, cities to be visited, and a general outline of the "Introduction to International Business" comprehensive business development mission to South Africa starting January 20, 1995, please call WC at 212 696-1169 or write to WC 20 Waterside Plaza/309, New York, NY 10010-2616.

WC² has designed a program for the small and medium organization that gives them an edge in the world marketplace.

Gill bill would restore \$450,000 aid cut to Montclair

TRENTON—Assemblywoman Nia H. Gill (D-Montclair) has introduced a bill (A-2053) which would restore \$450,000 in desegregation aid to the Montclair School District.

The Governor may sign the praise of government smaller and smarter, but Montclair has demonstrated how to use desegregation aid effectively," said Gill. "The sharp reduction in desegregation funds in fiscal year 1995 budget has compelled local educators to curtail plans and scramble for alternative sources of money."

The Governor's budget originally omitted all desegregation aid funds. Desegregation aid was subsequently restored to the Budget at a level equal to half of the previous year's appropriation.

"Desegregation funds have helped Montclair demonstrate successful model of a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community," said Gill. "It tends to fight to restore an arbitrary cut in our funding and recapture a significant portion of the funds we need to support programs which get results."

Professional Directory



"A BUSINESS SOLUTIONS & SERVICES COMPANY"
COMPUTER & OFFICE SUPPLIES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
BUSINESS CONSULTING
TRAINING

HIGH PERFORMANCE ALTERNATIVES, INC.

320 PARK AVENUE • SUITE 1000 • PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060

(908) 757-4721

FAX (908) 757-1992

Telephone: (908) 880-4842

Ellen Radin

Attorney at Law

Divorce • Juvenile • Real Estate • Name Changes

2356 Carol Place
Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076

TURNED DOWN FOR CREDIT AGAIN?
CREDIT REPAIR ASSOCIATES CAN HELP YOU!

Using federal and state laws, we can help you remove all type of negative information from your credit reports, including:
LATE PAYMENTS, CHARGE-OFFS, REPOSSESSIONS, TAX LIENS, COLLECTION ACCOUNTS, BANKRUPTCIES AND OTHER NEGATIVE INFORMATION
Any type of negative information in your credit report can make you pay higher interest on car loans, mortgages, etc. Worse yet, it can prevent you from obtaining any credit at all.
Call Credit Repair Associates - 908-322-1603
For as little as \$29.00 down and \$49.00 a month you can have all the derogatory information removed from your credit profile. For a free consultation, call

BRYAN MCGAURAN, CREDIT REPAIR ASSOCIATES
1817 Front Street Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 (908) 322-1603 ext 202 Fax (908) 322-8861



GADEBEKU CONSULTANTS
STRUCTURAL & CIVIL ENGINEERS

CHRISTOPHER GADEBEKU, PH.D., PE

990 WOODLAND AVE.
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060
TELEPHONE 824-4440

(201) 757-3489
FAX (201) 757-0103

DR. DENNIS W. JACKSON
DENTIST

490 CLINTON AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07108

DANIEL A. WILLIAMSON
Attorney at Law

900 MADISON AVENUE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060
(908) 754-6666
GENERAL PRACTICE

CRIMINAL LAW, REAL ESTATE, LANDLORD/TENANT
DIVORCE/CUSTODY/ADOPTION
WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS, PERSONAL INJURY CORPORATIONS

Notary Public

908-756-4429
Fax 908-756-3095

JUDKINS COLONIAL HOME, INC.
428 West Fourth Street
Plainfield, N.J. 07061

K. Reva Judkins, Pres
Harvey L. Judkins, V. Pres.

H. Leslie Judkins, Sec
Fred L. Hunt, Funeral Dir.

CIGNA Financial Advisors
(Insurance & Investments)

WE CAN HELP YOU DISCOVER
A NEW
FINANCIAL FUTURE
✓ INVESTMENT PLANNING
✓ RETIREMENT PLANNING
✓ STRATEGIC INSURANCE PLANNING
PETER BLAKE
(609) 482-8200

* Insurance Offered Through Cigna Affiliates *
220 LAKO DRIVE EAST, SUITE 300 CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY 08002

BROWN'S FUNERAL HOME
122 Plainfield Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

(908) 756-4241
or
1-800-286-4241

TYREE P. JONES
Manager

DIANE JONES GENTLES
Funeral Director

Bookkeeping

For small businesses and sole practitioners.
+ word processing and office support

KMT OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICE
(201) 279-0587

SPEAK SPANISH FLUENTLY
IN 1-3 WEEKS
MONEY - BACK GUARANTEE

Educational Research Center - Language School
(201) 672 1215
(201) 677-9504
Tutoring in: French, English, Italian, Etc.

Century 21
John C. Campbell
967 Park Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060
Fax (908) 753-7250
Business (908) 753-2212



John C. Campbell
Broker / Owner

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated

Call today
for our free booklet
"How To Use Credit Wisely"

The Loan You Need At The Price You Want.

Now, making home improvements is easier than ever. Whether you own or rent, the NatWest Home Enhancer® Opportunity Loan lets you make your home repairs or improvements at a price that fits your budget. You can borrow as little as \$500. It's easy to get started. To apply for a low-cost Home Enhancer Opportunity Loan, just call 1-800-925-6660. Or stop by your local NatWest Bank branch.

NatWest Bank

National Westminster Bank, N.J. Member FDIC

Call:
908-754-3400
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Fax Your Classified & Legal
908-753-1036
24 Hours

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey for the purchase of the following:

- One Hundred Fifty (150) B.C. frost free refrigerators for its family housing project known as Woodbridge Garden Apartments.
- One Hundred Fifty (150) 30" gas stoves for its family housing project known as Woodbridge Garden Apartments.
- Sixty-five (65) 13.5 C.F. Frost Free refrigerators for its senior citizen building known as Adams Towers.
- Seventy (70) 13.5 C.F. Frost Free refrigerators for its senior citizen building known as Finn Towers.

Bids for the above will be received by the Housing Authority in its office located at 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey at 10:00 A.M. on September 23, 1994 and will immediately be opened and read aloud thereafter.

Specifications can be obtained at the Housing Authority's Administration Office at 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, (908) 634-2760.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

BY ORDER OF MADELINE COOK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

9/7/94 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for the acquisition and installation of an office telephone system. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified telephone manufacturer and installer. All services must be in accordance with the existing laws, rules, orders, directives and regulations governing telephone system acquisition and installation. The system will be installed in the offices at Kroll Heights, 700 County Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey.

The services that are requested will be as follows:

- 1) Install and connect all wiring necessary to install the telephone system at 700 County Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey. The wiring includes all work to ensure that the system is fully operational in accordance with the system manufacturer's specifications.
- 2) Supply a telephone system with a minimum of 8 telephone lines and 16 terminals. The vendor must supply and install 9 telephone sets, each capable of supporting 8 lines (locations to be provided by the owner). The system should be equal to the NEC Electronic Professional Level 1 series.
- 3) Supply a voice processing system and install as part of the telephone system. The system must be equal to the "Active Voice" system (version 2.1) and should have: voice mail, automated attendant, auto-dial, fax detect, routing and notification.
- 4) The vendor must supply a minimum one year warranty on all equipment and the telephone lines.
- 5) The vendor must supply all labor and materials necessary to complete the installation of the telephone system in a manner that is satisfactory to the owner.

Qualifications:

- 1) Should be in the telephone installation business a minimum of three years. The equipment manufacturer must have an established record in manufacturing the telephone system.
- 2) Must be approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide these services.

Proposal Submission:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for the Housing Authority's telephone system should submit a proposal based upon a lump sum. The proposal must include the following:

- 1) A lump sum price for the acquisition and installation of the telephone system (including the voice processing system).
- 2) Listing of references and current customers.
- 3) Catalog cuts specifying the telephone and voice processing systems being proposed by the vendor.

Proposals should be delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 777-58 Street, Secaucus, New Jersey on or before September 22nd 1994. Proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority office until 4:00 P.M. Proposals delivered after 4:00 P.M. must be delivered at the 7:00 P.M. Housing Authority meeting (Kroll Heights, 700 County Avenue, Secaucus, NJ). The proposals will be opened at the 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received for the telephone system. It also reserves the right to terminate the vendor, for convenience, at any time during the contract. The Authority may choose to utilize the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program in the event that their prices are lower than the selected vendor.

WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

HELP WANTED

PROOFREADER

Successful candidate for this position will have 2+ years of proofreading experience. Job requires patience, attention to detail, flexibility, and ability to work with a team and meet deadlines. Strong grammar and language skills are essential.

Send resume to:

PROOFREADER
City News Publishing Company
144 North Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Elementary Vice Principal

Unites your 5 years of demonstrated public education experience including classroom responsibility to assist in promoting the educational well-being of our Elementary Students.

Guidance Counselor

Middle School

French/Spanish Teacher

Middle School

Math Teacher

High School

Science Teacher

Middle School

Above positions require appropriate NJ Certification.
(Bilingual Spanish/English highly desirable.)

Successful candidates will enjoy a competitive compensation package. For consideration, qualified candidates should forward a resume, copy of certification/degree(s), two letters of reference and a one-page statement on your educational philosophy no later than September 19, 1994 to:

Mrs. Elaine Bryan Tindley, Supervisor of Personnel

Plainfield Public Schools
504 Madison Ave. • Plainfield, NJ 07060
an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called The Authority) will receive sealed bids for: **Roof Replacement at NJ31-31 Speer Village, NJ13-4A & 4B** and **Hecht & Murphy Apartments**.

The Bid Opening will be held at: 12:00 noon (prevaling time) on Thursday, October 6, 1994 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, September 22, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Administration office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or at the Pre-Bid Conference. A non-refundable charge of \$25.00 (in check form) will be required to obtain plans and specifications.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualification (if provided by the Authority and applicable) bonding documentation and other documentation are submitted. Corporate affiliates, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via the "United States" mail are required to have said mail delivered to the appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid, Affidavit, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and/or telexfax copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

At bidders will be required to submit a **certified or cashier check** to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved bid binding itself to become Surety for the full and faithful performance of the contract to the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract for the protection of all persons furnishing materials or labor for fulfilling the contract is also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check and/or bid bond.

Bid bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bid/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register, Department of the Treasury, Circular 570. The register will be provided with the bid documents.

All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

G.M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for Kitchen Cabinet Replacement and Painting in all Apartments at Project NJ 50-3, Vista Village, until 11 A.M. prevailing time on September 27, 1994 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted at 10:30 A.M. on September 13, 1994 at the site of the Project located at 70 South Burnet Street, East Orange New Jersey, 07018.

Copies of Contract Documents, including information for Bidders, Bidding Forms, Specifications and Drawings may be obtained at the Housing Authority's office, 160 Halsted Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

A refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable by certified check or money order made payable to: the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is required for bidding documents. For unsuccessful bidders, deposit will be refunded upon the return of such set(s), in good condition, within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of their written request.

Bids must be submitted to the office of the Housing Authority at 160 Halsted Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, prior to the designated time, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "BID FOR KITCHEN CABINET REPLACEMENT AND PAINTING AT PROJECT NJ 50-3, VISTA VILLAGE".

Each bidder shall be required to submit with higher bid a certified check or bond payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, US Government Bonds or Treasury Individual Sureties will not be considered. The surety company must also be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. Bidders are advised that compliance with Prevailing Wage rate, and Equal Employment regulation is required.

HARRY B. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HELP WANTED

POSITION AVAILABLE

Attorney

The Township of Montclair Planning Board is seeking an experienced New Jersey Attorney to review development applications, prepare regulations, draft ordinances and advise the Board on legal matters. Monday evening meeting attendance is required. Please respond with resume and salary requirements to Karen A. Kadus, Township Planner, Montclair Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042.

FOR SALE

1984 gray Peugeot for sale. Asking \$3000 or best offer. Days 201-278-2936/Eves/201-523-8938.

Black History and Herstory tapes. Send SASE to DEC, P.O. Box 5359 Plainfield NJ 07061 for complete brochure.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

DRY CLEANING/ CUSTOM RETAIL SHOP FOR SALE

Dry cleaning shop includes custom tailoring, business, Retail store is African Gift Emporium with all contents including fabrics, art and other artifacts. Business located in Paterson, NJ. Asking \$35,000/Negotiable. Call 201-278-2996. Ask for Mary or George.

ADVERTISING SALES - RADIO

Radio advertising sales for major area radio station. New Jersey area resident with minimum 2 years radio sales experience. A must. Experience dealing with agencies and direct retail in New Jersey with an emphasis on new business development. Need aggressive hard-hitter who knows the geography with proven advertising sales ability. Please send resume to: WPAT RADIO, 1396 Broad Street, Clifton, New Jersey, 07013. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling computer components. No experience. In 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. NJ-6155

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for Boiler Replacement at Project NJ 50-1, Concord Towers, until 11 A.M. prevailing time on October 4, 1994 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted at 10:30 A.M. on September 22, 1994 at the site of the Project located at 210 North Grove Street, East Orange New Jersey, 07018.

Copies of Contract Documents, including information for Bidders, Bidding Forms, Specifications and Drawings may be obtained at the Housing Authority's office, 160 Halsted Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

A refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) payable by certified check or money order made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is required for bidding documents. For unsuccessful bidders, deposit will be refunded upon the return of such set(s), in good condition, within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of their written request.

Bids must be submitted to the office of the Housing Authority at 160 Halsted Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, prior to the designated time, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "BID FOR BOILER REPLACEMENT AT PROJECT NJ 50-1, CONCORD TOWERS".

Each bidder shall be required to submit with higher bid a certified check or bond payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, US Government Bonds or Treasury Individual Sureties will not be considered. The surety company must also be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. Bidders are advised that compliance with Prevailing Wage rate, and Equal Employment regulation is required.

HARRY B. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT

RFP NO. P-29-4

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF

NEW OFFICE BUILDING AT

PROJECT NJ 50-2, ARCADIAN GARDENS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is seeking the services of a Architectural/Engineering (A/E) firm to provide professional services for construction of a new office building for the Authority at the site of Project NJ 50-2, Arcadian Gardens.

The professional services desired are divided into three (3) phases: Construction Document Phase, Contract Award Phase, and Construction and Guarantee Phase. A request for proposals may be obtained from the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, 160 Halsted Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

A preproposal meeting is scheduled for September 29, 1994, at 11:00 A.M. at the office of the Authority located at the above address.

Interested consultant (Architectural/Engineering) firms shall submit two copies of their proposal to the Authority at the above address no later than 2:00 P.M., October 15, 1994.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposals.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the receipt of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

For further information or questions please contact Mr. Frank Kardan, Director of Modernization (201) 676-0251.

HARRY B. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Advertise public notices, legal notices, bids & RFPs weekly in City News, published each Wednesday and distributed throughout Essex, Union, Bergen, Passaic, Hudson, Mercer, Morris, Middlesex & Somerset counties. Only \$.65 per agate line.

Call 908-754-3400 or FAX your bids to 908-753-1036.

HELP WANTED

COMCAST P/T

Comcast Cablevision seeks qualified Customer Service Representative. Knowledge of Cable Data and Cable Industry a plus. Must have excellent phone skills. Will train the right individual. Rotating shift - Excellent benefits. Interested parties may send resume to:

Comcast Cablevision
171 River Road
North Arlington, N.J. 07031
E.E.O. M/F/H/V

FOR RENT

Verona - Office in center of town on Bloomfield Avenue. 5 room suite. Heat & hot water supplied. Rent \$600/month. Call 957-0769, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 228-0402 evenings & weekends.

HELP WANTED

Jones Interactable is looking for a person who will oversee the administrative, technical and supervisory functions of the maintenance and construction department. Minimum of 5 yrs industry experience, 3 yrs in a supervisory capacity. Formal electronics training and/or relevant degree. Self managed, self motivated, a leader and a team player. Familiar with emerging technologies, such as data and telephony. Please apply at Jones Interactable, Black Horse Pike and Cable TV Lane, Turnersville, NJ 08012. Telephone calls: EEO, M/F/D. Female and minority applicants encouraged to apply.

HELP WANTED

Plainfield Area YMCA needs on call person M/F from 8:00-9:00 PM. Please call 908-756-0606.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Plainfield - 2BR. Bdrm. Heat & hot water supplied. Call 908-756-0606.

PRIVATE SHOWING

For authentic handmade jewelry and artwork, please call 201-912-9139.

Nine black rookies integrate W.O. Force

by Connie Woodruff

Community policing made a quiet debut in this suburban West Essex town this summer and according to police officials the law enforcement men who helped make it work are nine rookies appointed to the force by Mayor Sam Spina following their graduation from the Essex County Police Academy.

Officer Bilal Muhammad, Charles Bryant, Keith Holley, Thomas Jones, Sr., Edgerton Walcott, Larry Green, Anthony Vincent Kelly, Glen Sellers and Damsal McClutcher, are the township's first African American cops.

They represent the successful conclusion of an agreement between West Orange and the NAACP for the township to drop its "residency only" requirement in the hiring of police and fire personnel.

With the option of selecting new hires from a county-wide civil service list, Mayor Spina, a strong advocate of community policing, said he chose men of merit, sensitivity and communications skills as well as interest in community policing.

The mayor had also made an effort to appoint an Hispanic female as the town's first policewoman and

was disappointed when she expressed a preference to work closer to her home in Newark.

It was not surprising many citizens were caught by surprise, but welcomed the visibility of more police in residential and business areas.

And visible they are in police cars, walking downtown beats, mulling with shoppers in the two malls on Eagle Rockridge, visiting the town's senior citizen complexes and as members of the bicycle squad that patrols school and recreational areas.

Officers Muhammad and Bryant are West Orange residents. The other new officers come from Belleville, East Orange, Newark, Orange, Montclair and Irvington.

They will have an opportunity to work directly under the mayor who is temporarily filling the post of Police Director.

Make Your Home Sweet Home Sweeter.



ANNOUNCING SPECIAL REDUCED RATE HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS.

We call them Opportunity Improvement Loans. If you're looking to improve your home, apartment, condominium or co-op, and you qualify based on the chart supplied, you can get a secured loan up to \$5,000 or an

unsecured loan up to \$3,000, whether you own or rent. Even better, you'll receive a reduced rate for the term and type of loan you request. To learn more, please visit your nearest Summit branch or call The Summit Customer Connection at 1-800-228-2264.

Reach Higher

SUMMIT
BANK

County	Maximum Income Limits By County	
	Low Income	Moderate Income
Atlantic	\$22,800	\$36,479
Bergen	\$32,120	\$51,392
Burlington	\$26,275	\$42,039
Camden	\$23,263	\$37,220
Cape May	\$19,409	\$31,198
Cumberland	\$19,069	\$30,510
Essex	\$23,526	\$38,121
Glorcester	\$24,237	\$38,799
Hudson	\$19,498	\$31,197
Hunterdon	\$33,813	\$54,100
Monroe	\$26,942	\$43,107
Middlesex	\$26,586	\$42,738
Monmouth	\$29,859	\$47,774
Morris	\$34,888	\$55,821
Osage	\$22,103	\$35,365
Passaic	\$24,009	\$38,414
Salem	\$21,244	\$33,990
Somerset	\$34,477	\$55,163
Sussex	\$29,196	\$46,714
Union	\$26,648	\$42,637
Warren	\$24,924	\$39,878

"Low Income" includes households whose household income does not exceed 50% of the median income of the county in which the property is located. "Moderate income" is between 50% and 80% of the county median income.

Equal Housing Lender • Member FDIC • Equal Opportunity Lender

Lautenberg still holds 2 to 1 lead in senate race

NEW BRUNSWICK—U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg still holds a 2 to 1 lead over Republican Garabed Chuk Haytaian, according to a new poll conducted by the Eagleton Institute. In the first post-Labor Day independent poll whacking the New Jersey U.S. Senate race, Lautenberg leads Haytaian by a margin of 52-26 percent.

In another sign of Lautenberg's increasing strength, the number of New Jersey voters who believe he deserves re-election has been steadily climbing since January. Lautenberg's re-elect number has increased 11 points—to 40 percent—since Eagleton's January poll and 5 points since the June poll.

"Although we still expect this election to be close, such a big lead is nice at this time of year. However, the people of New Jersey are more concerned right now about serious issues like crime, health and jobs," said Lautenberg campaign manager David Eichenbaum. "I am encouraged, though, by the 2 to 1 margin of

support for Frank Lautenberg among independents. Frank Lautenberg's fierce independence is a trait people in New Jersey have always respected."

Even though he's the Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly and has been an elected official for 20 years, a large majority of voters still don't recognize Chuck Haytaian. The new poll indicated Haytaian failed to boost his name recognition during the summer. The percentage of people who did not recognize him in the new poll was substantially the same as the number of people who did not recognize him in June. By contrast, Frank Lautenberg is recognized by 96 percent of voters.

Another measure of Haytaian's difficulties can be found in the favorable ratings. Almost as many respondents have an unfavorable impression of Haytaian as have a favorable. More than twice as many people view Frank Lautenberg favorably than they do unfavorably.

National News

(Continued from page 3)

Department has begun an investigation of the urging of national black political leader Jesse Jackson. During a visit a few weeks ago Jackson had to be provided with special security because of a series of threats on his life from angry whites.—ALBANY, GA.

Nation of Islam alleges conspiracy by Jewish group

During a special forum in Washington, D.C. last week, a spokesman for the Nation of Islam accused the Jewish Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of having a long history of crimes and conspiracies against African Americans and their leaders. Abdul Alim Muhammad told the gathering of about 300 people, "You can't think of a black leader who has not been destroyed or slandered by the ADL." Muhammad also suggested that the ADL played a role in the recent ouster of Benjamin Chavis as head of the NAACP. The group had been highly critical of Chavis' overtures to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Also participating in the gathering were followers of political activist Lyndon LaRouche. The ADL has also been critical of LaRouche.—

WASHINGTON, DC

Power MovesSM

Can turn sense into dollars.



It makes sense to save energy. When you do, you can save money... and help the environment.

Our Power Moves program offers a range of easy things that you can do at home, yourself, this Fall and Winter to save both energy and money.

If you regularly clean and replace the filters in your heating system, it will operate more efficiently. If you increase your attic insulation and seal off drafts around windows and doors, you'll need less heat. And, if you set the thermostat at a comfortable level (not too warm), you'll use less power.

These are just a few easy steps you can take to save power and money... to turn sense into dollars.

For more POWER MOVESSM you can make, call

1 (800) 854-4444

The power is in your hands.

